

survived by his wife Jane; his children, Anne, Sandra, and Terry; and granddaughter, Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Dr. Michael Redmond for his service to North-west Florida and to this great nation. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

A TRIBUTE TO MAX METCALF-
PUTNAM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Max Metcalf-Putnam for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Max's project was to design and construct a series of wooden "trees" for the feline residents of the Fort Dodge Humane Society to facilitate more exercise and recreation while the cats await adoption. In his immediate future, Max will be attending Iowa State University this fall to major in physics and has already been accepted as a First-Year Honor Student.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Max and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating him on achieving an Eagle Scout ranking and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF DEVIL'S LAKE
STATE PARK

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Devil's Lake State Park and the people of Wisconsin's commitment to the maintenance of our most visited state park.

Since 1911, Devil's Lake State Park has provided diverse recreation for countless spirited adventurers. From the dancing waters of the 374-acre lake filled with brown trout and northern pike to historic and sacred Effigy Mounds that are over 1,000 years old to the famed Devil's Doorway and Balanced Rock formations, this picturesque park encompasses nearly 10,000 acres. Those who trek to its highest points are treated to a breathtaking view of the valleys and bluffs that flank the park. For over a century, campers, hikers, bikers, swimmers, anglers, boaters, and many

more have flocked to this pristine destination. It is no wonder why Devil's Lake State Park attracts so many visitors each year; to put it simply—to visit the park is to fall in love with it.

Although Devil's Lake State Park is celebrating its centennial this year, it has been a source of recreation and tourism for far longer. Beginning in the mid-1800s, the Devil's Lake area was surrounded by several hotels and resorts and even hosted Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant during their visit. These establishments were serviced by a railroad that transported visitors often numbering in the thousands. As times changed and the automobile was introduced, the hotels faded into history and the park became more accessible as a day-trip destination. Finally, in 1911, the state designated the park as the third official Wisconsin State Park.

Of course, Devil's Lake State Park would not be what it is today without the dedication of many over the years. In the days of the Great Depression, it was the hardworking individuals of the Civilian Conservation Corps who built trails, removed invasive species, built a reservoir, acted as fireguards, and built various structures. Today, it is the tireless efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Friends of Devil's Lake State Park, and the myriad of other volunteers and supporters who ensure that the park is protected and preserved for centuries to come.

In 1919, official attendance records indicate that there were 100,000 visitors. Today, Devil's Lake State Park entertains approximately 1.8 million visitors per year and continues to serve as a recreational haven. As we look to the future, we see the possible addition of more campsites and land to the west and north and a unique opportunity to add some 4,000 acres from the decommissioned Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) to the south. Today, I join visitors from South Central Wisconsin, across our great nation, and across the world in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Devil's Lake State Park.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BRIAN
LANKER

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Brian Lanker. Brian died on March 13th, ten days after being diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer.

Brian was a remarkable photographer. He was also a good friend. He began his career at the Topeka Capital-Journal in 1970—a paper nationally renowned for excellence in photojournalism. While at the paper, he shot a series on natural childbirth using the Lamaze method, which was not common at that time. The series culminated in a photo of Lynda (then Coburn) Lanker, Brian's future wife, giving birth to her son, Dustin. This ebullient photograph earned Brian the 1973 Pulitzer Prize.

Shortly after that achievement, Brian moved to Eugene, Oregon, to take a position as the director of graphics for the Register Guard. Under Brian's direction, photos became a significant part of the news story. He raised the

paper's standard for photojournalism to new heights, and he was awarded two Newspaper Photographer of the Year awards for his effort. In a remembrance, Carl Davaz, the paper's then deputy managing editor, told David Dunlap that Brian always thought first about the reader when taking pictures, and used his talents to bring words-and-pictures together.

Brian became a freelance photographer after he left the Register Guard in 1982. He took breathtaking photographs for distinguished publications including LIFE Magazine, Sports Illustrated, and National Geographic. He was sought out for his photographic instincts and ability to capture single moments that told entire stories.

His proudest works, however, came when he collaborated with poet Maya Angelou on two books: "I Dream a World," his portraits of black women of achievement; and "Shall We Dance," a photographic documentary of dance in America. The debut showing for "I Dream a World" set attendance records at Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. It is now in its 14th printing, which made Brian particularly proud because it meant the stories of these distinguished women were being shared.

At the end of Mr. Dunlap's remembrance, he wrote about Carl Davaz' final visit with Brian. Brian simply told Carl, "There's just so much left to do."

Just before Brian died, two of his children, who had separately planned weddings for later in the year, chose to get married at Brian's bedside so he could share in their celebration. He died soon thereafter. Brian is survived by Lynda Lanker, a recognized artist in her own right, and their children Julie Coburn, Jacki Coburn, and Dustin Lanker.

For my part, I agree with you, Brian—there was just so much left for you to do. You are deeply missed.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP
TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, for the past 15 years, the Leadership Training Institute of America, LTIA, has helped teach young people about free markets, limited government, and traditional values. LTIA has trained hundreds of young people through their national conference in leadership excellence, critical thinking skills, worldview apologetics, network development and community involvement in a unique format that integrates a Biblical perspective.

The Leadership Training Institute of America's National Conference, held each summer in Washington, is available to a select number of students who have demonstrated a passion for leadership. I am pleased that 10 students from my congressional district have been selected to participate in these conferences. LTIA alumni take active roles in local government and civic groups in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to commend the Leadership Training Institute of America for producing conservative leadership that is actively involved in local, state and federal arenas, and for casting this vision to future generations. It has been said that "Today's